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Reconsideration of the present application in view of the proposed claims (above) and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action dated April 12, 2006, the Examiner **(1)** objected to the Abstract of the disclosure under MPEP 608.01(b); **(2)** rejected claim 1 on the ground of non-statutory obvious-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 4 of U.S. Patent No. 6,961,408 B2; and **(3)** found allowable subject matter relative to claims 2-4.

Concerning item **(1)** above, it is respectfully submitted that replacement Abstract proposed hereby effectively traverses that stated objection, and accordingly that such objection should be withdrawn.

Regarding items **(2)** and **(3)** above, appreciation for the finding of allowable subject matter relative to the claims is respectfully expressed. More particularly, concerning item **(2)**, it is respectfully submitted that original claim 1 has been canceled hereby without prejudice, and moreover that the present claims effectively traverse the stated rejection as they are each directed to that which has been acknowledged as allowable subject matter.

In sum, it is respectfully submitted that the present claims are patentable, and moreover that the pending application is accordingly in condition for allowance. Thus, Applicant respectfully and earnestly solicits a Notice of Allowance.

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